

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 2, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 1, line 7, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

Page 2, line 3, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The ~~subject of the~~ present invention ~~[[is]]~~ includes a cooking assembly allowing the preparation of significant quantities or of portions, and particularly of several portions at the same time.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~Another subject of the~~ The invention ~~[[is]]~~ also includes a cooking assembly allowing the preparation of products using various cooking modes, particularly by immersing in water, steaming or by contact with a hot element.--

Page 5, line 29, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 6, line 5, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The cooking assembly, ~~according to an aspect of the invention,~~ comprises a bath forming a cavity open at the top and equipped with heating means designed to allow both contact cooking, to seal or fry, and cooking by immersion in a liquid directly in the bath, without the use of a basket. The cooking assembly also allows cooking in an atmosphere containing steam, or by heating a basket using heated water, that is to say in the fashion of a bain-Marie, this being without the need to provide a significant amount of water in the bath.--